PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
25 JUNE 2015

ITEM NO. **6**

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1.   To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme.

Summary

2.   Members will recall that, at previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been, and is currently being undertaken in relation to some of these areas and work is still due to commence on others.

3.   Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

4.   It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

Work Programme

5. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Place Scrutiny Committee and Quad of Aims have previously been approved. The status of those items is detailed in the table below.

6. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Local Plan	To contribute to and influence the development of the Local Plan - Making and Growing Places Development Plan Document (DPD)	Ongoing - The publication draft is to be considered September 2015.
Economic Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed for spring 2016.
Housing Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed for December 2015.
Sport and Physical Activity Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed 2016.
Car Parking Strategy	To scrutinise progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Item to be programmed.

Network Management Plan	To monitor progress and raise issues/ concerns if necessary	Ongoing - Item to be programmed for September 2015.
Medium Term Financial Plan - Budget Proposals	To advise Members of the decision of Cabinet in relation to a number of budget savings proposals from areas which fall within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	Scrutiny will continue to monitor.
Litter Reduction and Grounds Maintenance	To contribute to the Litter and Ground Maintenance Projects. Review regular updates from that Group.	Ongoing - Committee advised of the current status 18 December 2014. Regular updates to be submitted.
Wheeled Bins	To monitor the introduction of Wheeled Bins in the Borough.	Ongoing – Scrutiny received a monitoring report on 20 March 2015.
Performance Management Framework	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework in order to inform the future work programme of this Scrutiny Committee	Ongoing – Quarter 4 appears elsewhere on this Agenda
(PESAG) Review Group	To contribute to the promotion and raise public awareness of PESAG	The final report of the Review Group was considered by Cabinet on 16 June 2015.
Improved signage in the Town Centre to delineate where cycling is allowed.	To monitor the provision of improved signage as agreed at Scrutiny 5 February 2015.	Item to be programmed
Attitude Survey to cycling in the Town Centre.	To scrutinise the Survey to be undertaken in February 2016.	Item to be programmed 2016.

Road Safety Audit	To scrutinise the results of the Audit.	Item to be programmed once the results of the Audit are known.
Hullabaloo and Civic Theatre Restoration Works	To provide Members with an updated position.	To be programmed.

Quad of Aims

7.   If Members wish to add any item to the Work Programme a Quad of Aims would need to be developed and submitted to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

Forward Plan

8.   Members are also requested to consider Cabinet's Forward Plan, which is available on the Council's website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their Work Programme and if so, complete the necessary documentation.